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a quick connect fitting having a quick connect retainer sleeve; and a quick connect retainer integrated into the sleeve,

the quick connect fitting being adapted to be removably attached to a fit-ting in the household cleaning appliance.

6. (Amended) The integrated quick connect assembly recited in claim 5, wherein the quick connect fitting is fabricated from plastic.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 23 are in the case. Claims 5 and 6 are amended by this amendment.

Enclosed is a proposed drawing change for Figure 4. The change includes the addition of reference numeral 70. Reference numeral 70 is referred to in the specification however was inadvertently not included on Figure 4. Applicant has also enclosed a clean copy of the change to Figure 4 and respectfully request the Examiner's acceptance of this drawing change.

Attached is a clean version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Clean Version Incorporating Changes Made"

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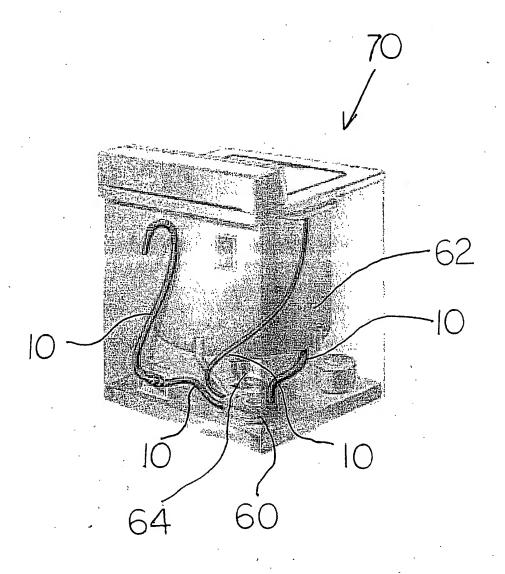


FIG. 4